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SUBJECT: FORMER PREMIER BARRETT TO RUN IN BYELECTION

1. DAVE BARRETT, FORMER NDP PREMIER DEFEATED IN OWN RIDING IN LAST DECEMBER'S ELECTION WILL RUN FOR PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL BYELECTION. ROBERT WILLIAMS, FORMER MINISTER OF LANDS, FORESTS AND WATER RESOURCES HAS RESIGNED SEAT IN VANCOUVER EAST RIDING TO MAKE WAY FOR BARRETT. WITH 5000 VOTE MAJORITY IN DECEMBER ELECTION, RIDING CONSIDERED ONLY COMPLETELY SAFE NDP SEAT AVAILABLE.

2. AFTER FINAL COURT RECOUNT APPEAL ENDED TWO WEEKS AGO, BARRETT DECLARED LOSER IN HOME RIDING OF COQUITLAM BY 18 VOTES TO SOCRED GEORGE KERSTER. BARRETT HAD 12000 VOTE MAJORITY IN 1972 ELECTION. SPECULATION HAD BEEN RIFE AS TO BARRETT S FUTURE PLANS BUT ANNOUNCEMENT OF WILLIAMS RESIGNATION WAS SURPRISE. WILLIAMS WAS POWERFUL LEFT WING INFLUENCE IN PREVIOUS NDP CABINET AND MANY BELIEVE IT WAS HE WHO INSISTED ON CALLING LAST DECEMBER S ELECTION AGAINST ADVICE OF MORE MODERATE CABINET MEMBERS. SPECULATION NOW IS WILLIAMS IS PAYING PRICE FOR HIS MISTAKE. ELECTION RESULTED IN DEFEAT TE NDP AND LARGE SOCIAL CREDIT MAJORITY.

3. SOCIAL CREDIT PREMIER BENNET ANNOUNCED BYELECTION WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN JULY. NDP IMMEDIATELY CHARGED NEW GOVERNMENT WISHES TO KEEP NDP CAUCUS LEADER OUT OF UPCOMING

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SPRING ASSEMBLY SESSION BEGINNING MARCH 17. BARRETT WILL

RESUME CAUCUS LEADERSHIP IF ELECTED. BENNETT REPLIED THAT TIME
DOES NOT PERMIT RIDING ENUMERATION BEFORE SESSION BEGINS.
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